

# HOT POLICY PAGE

May 2000

Family Size							Income Bands
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
\$0- \$452.29	\$0- \$609.37	\$0- \$766.45	\$0- \$923.54	\$0- \$1,080.62	\$0- \$1,237.70	\$0- \$1,394.79	A
452.30- 695.83	609.38- 937.49	766.46- 1,179.16	923.55- 1,420.83	1,080.63- 1,662.49	1,237.71- 1,904.16	1,394.80- 2,145.83	B
695.84- 869.79	937.50- 1,171.87	1,179.17- 1,473.95	1,420.84- 1,776.04	1,662.50- 2,078.12	1,904.17- 2,380.20	2,145.84- 2,682.29	C
869.80- 974.16	1,171.88- 1,312.49	1,473.96- 1,650.83	1,776.05- 1,989.16	2,078.13- 2,327.49	2,380.21- 2,665.83	2,682.30- 3,004.16	D
974.17- 1,078.54	1,312.50- 1,453.12	1,650.84- 1,827.70	1,989.17- 2,202.29	2,327.50- 2,576.87	2,665.84- 2,951.45	3,004.17- 3,326.04	E
1,078.55- 1,182.91	1,453.13- 1,593.74	1,827.71- 2,004.58	2,202.30- 2,415.41	2,576.88- 2,826.24	2,951.46- 3,237.08	3,326.05- 3,647.91	F
1,182.92- 1,287.29	1,593.75- 1,734.37	2,004.59- 2,181.45	2,415.42- 2,628.54	2,826.25- 3,075.62	3,237.09- 3,522.70	3,647.92- 3,969.79	G
1,287.30- 1,391.73	1,734.38- 1,875.09	2,181.46- 2,358.45	2,628.55- 2,841.80	3,075.63- 3,325.16	3,522.71- 3,808.52	3,969.80- 4,291.88	H

These income bands are valid until July 1, 2001.

## New income guidelines are here!

Every spring, the federal government publishes new federal income guidelines. Basic Health uses these guidelines to determine eligibility for our reduced-premium program, as well as monthly premium amounts.

As a result of this new scale, you may be able to earn slightly more income before you have to report an income change. For some families, the revised income guidelines mean a lower monthly premium!

**Your enclosed billing statement for July coverage may show a different premium if your reported income now falls into a different income band.**

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If your income changes at any time, and it affects the income band you fall within, you must let Basic Health know. Each month, the income we have on record for you is shown on your billing statement. Be sure to check that information, and compare it to the income guidelines shown on the front of this *Hot Policy Page* to determine whether you need to report an income change.

## What counts as income?

Your Basic Health premium is based on your gross family income (before deducting taxes) for the most recent 30 days or complete calendar month, unless you are self-employed or using our “income averaging” method. Whenever sending income information to Basic Health, refer to the following list.

## Include income from the following sources:

- Salaries, wages, commissions, tips, and work study income
- Self-employment and rental income
- Unemployment income and strike benefits
- Social security benefits and Supplemental Security Income
- Retirement, pensions, and IRA distributions
- Child support, family support, and alimony
- Insurance benefits
- Income from interest, dividends, trusts, annuities, and royalties
- Veterans’ benefits and military allotments
- Labor and Industries benefits
- Public assistance (Department of Social and Health Services grants)
- Estate income, gambling/lottery winnings

## Do not include:

- Income, such as wages, earned by dependent children
- Capital gains
- Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, or proceeds from the sale of property, such as a house or car
- Tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury (except workers’ compensation)
- Income from a family member who lives in another household if that income is not available to you or eligible dependents seeking Basic Health enrollment
- University scholarships, grants, fellowships, or assistantships
- Non-cash benefits (such as food stamps, school lunches, or housing assistance)
- Payments for adoption support received from the Department of Social and Health Services